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CLERK: 27 ayes, 14 nays, 8 not voting.

SPEAKER: Very good. The motion is defeated. Now, Senator Duis, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, I am rising, as I suppose as chairman of the Rules Committee, so that I might explain and I think, Senator Anderson, I might have your attention to this. I am not...this motion has been defeated and I am sure it is gone, but now I want you to realize what happens in these Committees on March the 23rd or thereabouts when you are getting ready to get out of here. Now you all state we were sent down here to do and stay as long till we get it done. Now, we have got 90 days to do it in. That's the Constitution. The only thing we can do is to call ourselves back into special session if you haven't got it done. Now the problem with these bills in Committee, if somebody wants to sit on them that bill is going to be deadlier than a doornail, anyway, if it is in that Committee whether they readjourn, but if it is on this Board up here, it will remain alive even if it is bracketed until next time. Think well what you have done because wait until those last few scrambling days when you've got a bill in there and somebody won't put it out and you are going to try and get it out of there and get it on that Board. You are going into a frenzy and so are those people who desire to have you out of it, but if you have a set rule that they are dead on March the 23rd if not off of that Committee, we'll spur the Committee's on. I am sorry about this failure of the vote because I think you are going to find out at that time you'll want to make this, but your decision has been made and, actually, you wait for those last few days because the Constitution gives us 90 days to operate in.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Fred Carstens. For what purpose do you rise, Senator.

SENATOR FRED CARSTENS: Now, Mr. President, in...further into what Senator Duis has just accidentally stated, I want to point out that you are not going to serve anybody, neither your district or your people, in the last final days of this session when we are going to be reading anywhere from 15 to 40 bills a day, and nobody will know what the contents of those bills are. We are overloading ourselves and we've gotten ourselves tangled up with some bad judgment that is going to hurt all of us.

SPEAKER: Before we begin General File debate this morning, the chair would like to recognize 28 High School Seniors in the Government class from Wisner-Pilger School there at Wisner, Nebraska. They are from Speaker Emeritus Hasebrook's district over there. Their instructor is Linda Myers, Dean Timmerman. Sorry the spelling on here is upset. The writing is not clear, and I am sorry. I don't know the name, but Weber. I am very sorry. Your penmanship is not so good or somebody's is not so good but would the group rise. The group from Wisner-Pilger School so, at least, we can recognize you. We will know where you are. Thank you. And likewise, then, they are seated in the south balcony and we have 35 High School Seniors from the Government class from the Tobias Meridian School and they are from Senator Maresh's district. Instructors there are Don Weeks, Mrs. Stastney. Those are sponsors, Mrs. Stastney and Mrs. Votipka, and they are seated in the south balcony, also, and would they rise so that we can spot you. Very good. We are glad to have you here today as observers of the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature. I'll bet that the Senators involved will slip up there to exchange a few words with you in a little bit. We are delighted to welcome you here today to the Capitol City and to the Unicameral. Now, with that we will begin General File debate this morning on LB 452 which has been bracketed for today. That will be followed by LB 104. Then we will